# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has made any survey regarding the need for construction of new roads and the repair of old roads in the country before embarking on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details regarding the progress made so far under PMGSY, State-wise;

(d) the strategy of the Government to complete the targets fixed under the scheme in a time-bound manner;

(e) whether the Government proposes to change their policy and objectives under this scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) Prior to launch of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Government of India had constituted National Rural Road Development Committee (NRRDC) on 6th January, 2000 to identify unconnected villages in India and to decide the road length for total rural road connectivity.

(b) The Committee estimated that 2,90,480 villages were not connected with all weather road as on 31.03.2000.Assuming a required length of 4.0 km per village, it was estimated that 11,62,000 km road length would need to be constructed to connect these villages.

(c) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) 1,02,563 works valued at Rs.1,11,361 crore have been approved by the Ministry of Rural Development till 30th September,2009. An amount of Rs.57,483 crore has been released to the States for the projects. The State Governments have incurred expenditure of Rs.54,976 crore and completed 63,670 works till September,2009.A Statement indicating Physical and Financial Progress under PMGSY is given in Annexure.

(d) It is expected that all habitations with population of 1000 persons or more (500 persons or more in Hill States,desert and tribal areas) would be provided all weather road connectivity by March,2012.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.